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## GOVERNORS BELIEVE THIS COUNTRY EASY FOR INVADING FORCE

Majority at Conference of Present and Former Executives Feels Nation Inadequately Defended.

### SOFT PREY FOR CONQUERORS

Members Will Return Home with Resolve to Demand Congressmen Get Busy.

### SALT LAKE CITY NEXT PLACE

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—A majority of governors and former state executives, delegates to the governor's conference here at the final session of the conference today agreed that the United States is inadequately prepared to resist invasion by a hostile European force. Discussion of naval and military preparedness, selection of Salt Lake City as the scene of next year's conference and the election of William Spry, governor of Utah, to be chairman of the conference executive committee were the outstanding feature of the closing session.

No resolutions on the subject of preparedness were proposed, but several of the executives said they felt certain that all the governors would return to their states with the intention of demanding from their congressmen support in any program for strengthening the forces of defense.

Give Crowds Chance. The conference sessions were removed today from the state senate chamber to the more spacious hall of the house of representatives where a large audience followed the addresses with frequent applause.

The discussion by the governors were prefaced by remarks by William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, speaking, he said, not in behalf of the administration, but as a member of it. Secretary Redfield urged restraint of speech and sobriety of thought in what he termed these trying times.

"With that spirit of restraint," he said, "should we not be ready for any emergency of any kind that may arise? Should we not at least have the tools ready, not for offense, but for our defense of our nation?"

Under the head, "What should be the state's duty in the matter of national defense?" Governor James F. Fielder of New Jersey urged an increase in the standing army by at least 250,000 men, with an adequate line of trained reservists. He said he felt that the states should be ready at all times to furnish 250,000 men to this reserve body.

Dunne's Advice. Governor E. F. Dunne of Illinois said he felt that the nation's main reliance for a reserve force might well be found in a requirement that every college and university receiving funds, federal or state, should give four years of military training to its students.

"If war was declared on the United States by any of the principal European nations tomorrow it must be admitted our situation would be a precarious one," he said.

## KING OF SWEDEN IS SLIGHTLY INJURED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 27.—(Via London.)—King Gustave had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday at Jerna. As he was entering his car to proceed to Stockholm the train started with a sudden jerk, throwing him down. His foot was jammed between the car and the platform and he fell heavily. However, except for slight bruises, he is little the worse for the accident.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Cloudy. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Deg.
6 a. m.	62
7 a. m.	63
8 a. m.	64
9 a. m.	65
10 a. m.	66
11 a. m.	67
12 m.	68
1 p. m.	69
2 p. m.	70
3 p. m.	71
4 p. m.	72
5 p. m.	73
6 p. m.	74

Comparative Local Record:

Date	High	Low
1915	74	57
1914	73	56
1913	72	55
1912	71	54
1911	70	53
1910	69	52

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Item	Normal	Actual
Normal temperature	72	74
Deficiency for the day	0	2
Total deficiency since March 1	0	2
Normal precipitation	1.1 inch	0.0
Deficiency for the day	1.1	1.1
Total deficiency since March 1	1.1	1.1
Excess since March 1	0.0	0.0
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-15	1.1	1.1
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-15	1.1	1.1

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station	Temp.	High	Rain
Omaha	74	74	0.0
Lincoln	73	73	0.0
Des Moines	72	72	0.0
Sioux Falls	71	71	0.0
Yankton	70	70	0.0
Wichita	69	69	0.0
St. Louis	68	68	0.0
Chicago	67	67	0.0
St. Paul	66	66	0.0
Portland	65	65	0.0
San Francisco	64	64	0.0
Los Angeles	63	63	0.0
San Diego	62	62	0.0
Phoenix	61	61	0.0
Albuquerque	60	60	0.0
Denver	59	59	0.0
Butte	58	58	0.0
Bozeman	57	57	0.0
Spokane	56	56	0.0
Seattle	55	55	0.0
Portland	54	54	0.0
San Francisco	53	53	0.0
Los Angeles	52	52	0.0
San Diego	51	51	0.0
Phoenix	50	50	0.0
Albuquerque	49	49	0.0
Denver	48	48	0.0
Butte	47	47	0.0
Bozeman	46	46	0.0
Spokane	45	45	0.0
Seattle	44	44	0.0
Portland	43	43	0.0
San Francisco	42	42	0.0
Los Angeles	41	41	0.0
San Diego	40	40	0.0
Phoenix	39	39	0.0
Albuquerque	38	38	0.0
Denver	37	37	0.0
Butte	36	36	0.0
Bozeman	35	35	0.0
Spokane	34	34	0.0
Seattle	33	33	0.0
Portland	32	32	0.0
San Francisco	31	31	0.0
Los Angeles	30	30	0.0
San Diego	29	29	0.0
Phoenix	28	28	0.0
Albuquerque	27	27	0.0
Denver	26	26	0.0
Butte	25	25	0.0
Bozeman	24	24	0.0
Spokane	23	23	0.0
Seattle	22	22	0.0
Portland	21	21	0.0
San Francisco	20	20	0.0
Los Angeles	19	19	0.0
San Diego	18	18	0.0
Phoenix	17	17	0.0
Albuquerque	16	16	0.0
Denver	15	15	0.0
Butte	14	14	0.0
Bozeman	13	13	0.0
Spokane	12	12	0.0
Seattle	11	11	0.0
Portland	10	10	0.0
San Francisco	9	9	0.0
Los Angeles	8	8	0.0
San Diego	7	7	0.0
Phoenix	6	6	0.0
Albuquerque	5	5	0.0
Denver	4	4	0.0
Butte	3	3	0.0
Bozeman	2	2	0.0
Spokane	1	1	0.0
Seattle	0	0	0.0
Portland	-1	-1	0.0
San Francisco	-2	-2	0.0
Los Angeles	-3	-3	0.0
San Diego	-4	-4	0.0
Phoenix	-5	-5	0.0
Albuquerque	-6	-6	0.0
Denver	-7	-7	0.0
Butte	-8	-8	0.0
Bozeman	-9	-9	0.0
Spokane	-10	-10	0.0
Seattle	-11	-11	0.0
Portland	-12	-12	0.0
San Francisco	-13	-13	0.0
Los Angeles	-14	-14	0.0
San Diego	-15	-15	0.0
Phoenix	-16	-16	0.0
Albuquerque	-17	-17	0.0
Denver	-18	-18	0.0
Butte	-19	-19	0.0
Bozeman	-20	-20	0.0
Spokane	-21	-21	0.0
Seattle	-22	-22	0.0
Portland	-23	-23	0.0
San Francisco	-24	-24	0.0
Los Angeles	-25	-25	0.0
San Diego	-26	-26	0.0
Phoenix	-27	-27	0.0
Albuquerque	-28	-28	0.0
Denver	-29	-29	0.0
Butte	-30	-30	0.0

## ARMY MATRON DEAD FROM FIRE AT THE PRESIDIO



MRS. FRANCES WARREN PERSHING.

## FIRE VICTIM HERE ON HER BRIDAL TRIP

She and Her Husband Visited with Colonel Swobe and Other Friends in Omaha.

### GENERAL FORMERLY AT LINCOLN

Mrs. Frances H. Pershing, wife of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, who was burned to death with her three daughters in San Francisco yesterday, visited in Omaha and Lincoln on her wedding trip in February, 1905. She and her husband were on their way to Tokio, Japan, where the army officer had just been stationed as military attaché.

General and Mrs. Pershing met Colonel Thomas Swobe of Omaha, an intimate friend, and many other prominent Omahans during their visit here. Colonel Swobe and General Pershing were in the same regiment in the Spanish-American war. In Lincoln the Pershings visited with a sister of the general and met numerous friends.

General Pershing was stationed at Lincoln as commandant of cadets at the state university in 1897 and 1898. He then had the rank of first lieutenant of the Tenth cavalry.

Mrs. Pershing was formerly Miss Frances Warren, and she was a daughter of United States Senator Francis E. Warren of Wyoming. She met General Pershing at Washington while he was in charge of insular affairs there and the marriage occurred at the national capital January 26, 1905.

Wedding Trip to Japan. Immediately afterward General Pershing was dispatched to Tokio as military attaché and the trip to Japan became General and Mrs. Pershing's wedding trip.

General Pershing was accompanied by his wife during all his travels to far distant parts. When the Japanese-Russian war began his position at Tokio was changed to that of military observer of the Japanese army. He had formerly distinguished himself by service in the Philippines, and several years ago brought about a transfer which enabled him to return to the islands.

## Bryan Commends Garrison's Letter to General Wood

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 27.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, who passed through Kansas City today had this to say regarding the developments growing out of ex-President Roosevelt's speech at Plattsburgh, N. Y., military training camp:

## Sioux Falls Attorney Guilty of Contempt

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today announced its decision in the contempt case brought against Joe Kirby, a Sioux Falls attorney, and G. E. Hipple and the Hipple Printing company of this city, on charges of contempt of court.

## MRS. PERSHING AND CHILDREN KILLED

Wife of General and Three Daughters Suffocated by Fire Which Partly Destroyed Home.

### SON AND GUESTS ARE SAVED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Warren Pershing, wife of Brigadier General John J. Pershing, United States Army, and three of her four children were suffocated to death in their quarters at the Presidio of San Francisco early today. Their bodies were badly burned. A Mrs. Boswell, a relative, and her two children escaped, as did Warren Pershing, 5 years old, and three servants. The dead children are Helen, 8; Anne, 7, and Mary, 6. Mrs. Pershing is a daughter of Senator Warren of Wyoming. Her husband, commanding the Eighth brigade, United States infantry, is at El Paso, Tex., in charge of the border troops.

Mrs. Boswell jumps from roof. Mrs. W. G. Boswell was the first of the people in the house to discover the fire. She was aroused by smoke and awakened her children and called to Mrs. Pershing. Then she opened the door from her room to the hall. A gust of smoke drove her back and she saw flames in the hallway. She took her children to the stairway, but found it cut off by fire, and returned through her room to the roof of the front porch.

The noise of the flames by this time had aroused Lieutenant Eugene Santschi, Twenty-first infantry; Private C. J. Hazlett and another soldier, who broke in doors in the house, but were forced back by the flames. Then Mrs. Boswell, from the porch roof, threw her two children, Philip and James, 3 and 6 years old, to the men below, still calling to Mrs. Pershing, and jumped herself. Her maid previously had jumped and been caught. Mrs. Boswell fell in a flower bed, wrenching her back. She was taken to the Paeidlo hospital.

Warren Pershing was found unconscious on the floor of his room by Johnson, the Pershing's aged negro servant, who led a rescue party into the house. He was revived at the Presidio hospital.

In the corner of the house, most burned, the rescuers found Mrs. Pershing dead on the floor, with her arms across one of the children, who was on the bed. On another bed was another child; the third lay on the floor. The bodies of all were considerably burned.

The house occupied by the Pershings was the best of a collection of old frame buildings scattered about the main post and east cantonment of the Presidio. Many of these were built as temporary barracks at the time of the Spanish-American war and still are occupied. Their shoddy appearance was renovated somewhat at the opening of the Panama-Pacific exposition by a coat of paint, but they remain in a state of decay.

## Carranza Capital Moved to Mexico Sunday, August 29

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—General Carranza will move his capital to Mexico City Sunday. All the departments of his government, except the office of foreign affairs and interior, already have been moved from Vera Cruz to Mexico City and the remaining departments will go with General Carranza himself.

President Wilson's appeal to the Mexicans for peace, especially referred to Mexico City as the place where the capital of any government applying for recognition must be established. Carranza's move was regarded in Latin circles as one of the steps in his effort to obtain recognition by the United States.

## Art Smith Lands With Bump When Aeroplane Balks

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Art Smith, boy aviator, had a mishap in his second flight; the state fair today, but was not seriously hurt.

## STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE-CITY OF THE WEST

Here are the dates for our coming Ak-Sar-Ben events: Sept. 29, Carnival begins Oct. 5, Floral Parade Oct. 6, Electrical Parade Oct. 8, Coronation Ball Oct. 9, Carnival Ends

## FRENCH SPORTING CELEBRITIES NOW AIRMEN—This photo was taken at a French aero base in Northern France. Second from the left is Georges Carpentier, the famous French boxer, and next is Somes, French champion cyclist. Somes had just brought down a German aviator in an exciting aerial battle.



## FOITIK COMES TO SURRENDER SELF

Former Paying Teller of Live Stock National, Short Six Thousand, Returns Here.

### WALKS INTO MARSHAL'S OFFICE

V. V. Foitik, formerly paying teller at the Live Stock National bank, who disappeared January 30, leaving his accounts \$6,410 short, returned yesterday from Australia and voluntarily gave himself up at the office of the United States marshal.

Foitik had been in the employ of the Live Stock National bank for exactly seven years, having been paying teller for a long period, when he left. With only \$12.50 of the thousands he had taken he started south, going through the southern states, through Mexico, California and Oregon. On June 10 he shipped as a deck hand on a freight ship bound for Australia.

He landed in Australia some weeks later and stayed there but seven days having decided that he would return and give himself up.

He shipped for San Francisco on another freighter, landing in the United States August 17. He then beat his way to Omaha, getting here Wednesday. He has a wife and two children, one a girl 13 years old, and the other a boy of 3, living in the South Side, and he gave as his reason for his return the fact that he could not forget that they needed him. He said that he had taken the money a little at a time, and that he had spent it being a "good fellow."

## Rate to Withdraw Loading in Transit Ordered Cancelled

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—The proposal of railroads operating in what is known as the Central Freight association and Western Classification territories, to discontinue generally the practice of stopping freight cars in transit to complete loading or partially to unload, was rejected by the Interstate Commerce commission as unjustified. The commission had suspended until September 30 the effectiveness of the withdrawal of the practice, and today ordered the cancellation of tariffs which would have made the change. Commissioner Harland dissenting.

## The Day's War News

THE RUSSIANS, falling back under German pressure along the line from the east of Kovno southward to Grodno, have evacuated the fortress of Olita, thirty miles south of Kovno.

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## Garrison Says It Will Be Big Job to Save Roosevelt from Himself

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Secretary Garrison made public today Major General Wood's reply to the secretary's telegram of yesterday directing that no repetition be permitted of the incident at the Plattsburg camp, precipitated by former President Roosevelt's speech to the men in training there.

## WELSH MINERS ARE AGAIN ON STRIKE

Men Charge that Wage Award Does Not Measure Up to Promises of David Lloyd-George.

### TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND OUT

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Reports from the South Wales coal fields this afternoon state that 25,000 miners already have joined the new strike.

The recurrence of labor troubles is due to growing dissatisfaction with the award of Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, who acted as arbitrator in the recent strike. The situation was strained further when the colliers learned that Mr. Runciman had declined to accept a deputation representing them.

Miners Charge Baa Faith. The miners charge Mr. Runciman with going behind the arrangements made by David Lloyd George and demand that Mr. Lloyd George make good his promises to them.

## Plattsburg Troops Playing War Game

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Aug. 27.—A week of war practice upon which the regiment of business and professional men at the camp of instruction embarked today constitutes a part of an elaborate theatrical war with a foreign power.

War was theoretically declared by the European power yesterday and the first brigade at Plattsburg received information that the Red army of invasion had crossed the Canadian border, seized the railroad junction at Rouse's Point, N. Y., and had taken Malone, N. Y. The commander of the Blue army of defense, of which the businessmen's regiment is a part, decided to advance against the enemy at Rouse's Point before he could be reinforced from Malone.

Between 5,500 and 6,000 men will figure in the maneuver.

## SLAVS POUR OUT OF OLITA; READY TO FLEE GRODNO

Evacuation of Great Niemen Fortress Followed Report Russ Are Preparing to Abandon Last Stronghold on Line.

### FALL OF BREST IS NOT TOLD

Public Hasn't Yet Learned Officially of Capture of Keystone Position.

### JUST ONE PLACE IS NOW LEFT

VIENNA, Aug. 27.—(Via London.)—The Russians who were defeated at Brest-Litovsk are retreating on both sides of the railway to Minsk, according to an official statement issued today at the Austrian war office.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The Russians apparently have decided to evacuate Grodno, the one important stronghold on their principal line of defense which they still retain. A message from Petrograd to Reuters Telegram company quotes the Russian Invicta as stating that Grodno be given up when the retreat of the defenders has been covered.

The message indicates that the fall of Brest-Litovsk, announced in Berlin yesterday, was not made public in Petrograd at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the filing of the message.

Olita Abandoned. BERLIN, Aug. 27.—(Via London.)—The Russian fortress of Olita, on the Nieman river, twenty miles south of Kovno, has been evacuated. Official announcement of this effect was made here today.

The text of the statement by the German army headquarters follows: "Western theater: In Champagne and in the Meuse hills French trench works were destroyed by mines. In the Vosges a weak advance by the French was easily repulsed. "Eastern theater: Army of Field Marshal von Hindenburg: Battles at Bausk and at Schonberg, southeast of Mitau and in the region of Kovno continue. We took 2,600 Russian prisoners and four cannon and three machine guns were captured. "Southeast of Kovno the enemy was defeated. The fortress of Olita has been captured." (Continued on Page Two, Column Five)

## Cold Wave Covers Eastern States

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Weather bureau experts said today that the cold weather which covered the east Thursday will last only till Sunday and Monday and vanish into the Atlantic with summer close on its trail.

## THE WANT-AD WAY.



The best thing for you to do if you want your Ad in early, is to put an Ad in Sunday's paper. You'll find they fill the bill. Your houses will be rented, Your business will surely thrive, But get your Ad in early. We close at SEVEN FORTY-FIVE. The Omaha Bee will cheerfully take your Ad over the phone for its big Sunday paper until 7:45 Saturday evening. Telephone TYler 1009 and PUT IT IN THE OMAHA BEE.

Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics with The Sunday Bee